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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TAMPA BAY AREA - RUSKIN FL

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...MARCH 2012 ENDS UP AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN WARMEST...

FOR MOST OF MARCH HIGH PRESSURE DOMINATED THE WEATHER ACROSS THE REGION BRINGING FAIR AND WARM WEATHER. EXCEPT FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH TEMPERATURES, ESPECIALLY HIGH TEMPERATURES, AVERAGED WELL ABOVE NORMAL. FOR THE MONTH TEMPERATURES GENERALLY AVERAGED ABOUT 3 TO 7 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL ACROSS THE AREA.

IT WAS ALSO RATHER DRY ACROSS THE AREA WITH RAINFALL AMOUNTS BELOW NORMAL, BUT ENOUGH RAIN FELL TO KEEP US OUT OF THE TOP TEN DRIEST.

BELOW ARE LISTS OF THE TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT SOME SITES ACROSS THE REGION, ALONG WITH THE NORMAL AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL FOR MARCH:

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT CHIEFLAND 5 ESE:

1	69.6	IN 1997
2	68.5	IN 2012
3	67.6	IN 1973
4	67.5	IN 2003
5	67.2	IN 1977
6	66.3	IN 1976
7	66.0	IN 1989
7	66.0	IN 1982
7	66.0	IN 1974
10	65.9	IN 1961

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +6.4
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT CHIF1 = 62.1
RECORDS BEGAN JUNE 1956

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES AT INVERNESS 3 SE:

1	70.9	IN 1997
2	70.0	IN 1953
3	69.7	IN 2012
4	69.3	IN 1976
5	69.2	IN 1974
5	69.2	IN 1961
7	68.8	IN 1963
8	68.4	IN 1973
9	68.3	IN 1977
9	68.3	IN 1967

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +6.1
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT INV1 = 63.6
RECORDS BEGAN JULY 1948

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT BROOKSVILLE CHIN HILL:

1	73.0	IN 1945
2	72.6	IN 1918
3	71.7	IN 1935
3	71.7	IN 1908
5	71.5	IN 2012
6	71.0	IN 1929
7	70.9	IN 1948
7	70.9	IN 1897
9	70.6	IN 1939
10	70.5	IN 2003

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +4.7
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT BROF1 = 66.8
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1892

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT ST LEO:

1	72.8	IN 1945
1	72.8	IN 1897
3	72.7	IN 1997
4	72.4	IN 1948
5	71.8	IN 2003
6	71.6	IN 1938
7	71.0	IN 1974
8	70.9	IN 2012
9	70.8	IN 1953
10	70.6	IN 1977
10	70.6	IN 1903

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +3.5
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT STL1 = 67.4
RECORDS BEGAN MARCH 1895

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT TARPON SPRINGS:

1	74.5	IN 1997
2	73.1	IN 1948
3	73.0	IN 1945
4	71.9	IN 2003
5	71.8	IN 2012
5	71.8	IN 1897
7	71.6	IN 1921
7	71.6	IN 1903
9	71.2	IN 1929
10	71.0	IN 2000

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +5.6
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT TRPF1 = 66.2
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1892

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT ST PETERSBURG**:

1	74.3	IN 2012
2	73.9	IN 1948
2	73.9	IN 1945
4	73.3	IN 1997
5	73.2	IN 1921
6	72.8	IN 1976
7	72.7	IN 1918
8	72.4	IN 1938
9	72.3	IN 1935
10	72.1	IN 2003

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +6.3
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT SPGF1 = 68.0
RECORDS BEGAN AUGUST 1914

** THE DATA LISTED HERE IS FROM THE OFFICIAL COOPERATIVE OBSERVING
SITE LOCATED AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT NEAR ALBERT WHITTED
AIRPORT. THE RECORDS FOR THIS SITE GO BACK TO 1914...UNLIKE THE
DATA FROM THE ASOS AT ST PETERSBURG - ALBERT WHITTED AIRPORT (KSPG)
WHICH ONLY GOES BACK TO 1998.

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT TAMPA:

1	74.4	IN 2012
2	73.9	IN 1997
3	73.2	IN 1945
4	72.6	IN 1921
5	72.2	IN 1907
6	71.9	IN 1897
6	71.8	IN 1948
6	71.8	IN 1938
9	71.8	IN 21918
10	71.7	IN 2003

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +7.1
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT TPA = 67.3
RECORDS BEGAN APRIL 1890

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT PLANT CITY:

1	73.2	IN 1907
2	73.1	IN 1997
3	72.2	IN 1945
4	71.8	IN 2012
4	71.8	IN 1903
6	71.7	IN 2003
7	71.2	IN 1977
8	71.1	IN 1974
9	70.9	IN 1913
10	70.7	IN 1976
10	70.7	IN 1953

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +5.1
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT PLCF1 = 66.7
RECORDS BEGAN SEPTEMBER 1892

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT LAKE LAND:

1	73.5	IN 1921
2	73.4	IN 1918
3	72.8	IN 1997
3	72.8	IN 1945
5	72.7	IN 1935
6	72.6	IN 1938
7	72.3	IN 2003
8	72.1	IN 2012
9	71.6	IN 1976
10	71.5	IN 1989

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +5.3
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT LLDF1 = 66.8
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1915

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT WINTER HAVEN:

1	73.5	IN 1997
2	73.3	IN 1945
3	73.0	IN 2003
4	72.8	IN 2012
5	72.7	IN 1948
6	72.0	IN 1977
7	71.9	IN 1989
8	71.5	IN 1974
9	71.4	IN 1976
10	71.3	IN 1990

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +4.9
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT GIF = 67.9
RECORDS BEGAN FEBRUARY 1941

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT MOUNTAIN LAKE:

1	75.3	IN 2003
2	72.5	IN 2012
3	72.3	IN 1948
4	72.1	IN 1997
5	71.7	IN 1974
5	71.7	IN 1945
7	71.6	IN 1976
8	71.2	IN 2004
9	71.1	IN 1982
9	71.1	IN 1939

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +4.3
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT LWLF1 = 68.2
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1935

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT SARASOTA-BRADENTON:

1	73.0	IN 2012
2	72.6	IN 1997
3	71.9	IN 2003
3	71.9	IN 1948
5	71.1	IN 1921
6	70.8	IN 1945
7	70.6	IN 1974
8	70.4	IN 1953
9	70.1	IN 1989
10	70.0	IN 1918

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +6.4
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT SRQ = 66.6
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1911

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT VENICE:

1	74.4	IN 1997
2	74.0	IN 2012
3	73.9	IN 2003
4	70.8	IN 2000
5	70.1	IN 2011
5	70.1	IN 2002
7	69.8	IN 1995
7	69.8	IN 1973
7	69.8	IN 1961
10	69.7	IN 1963

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +6.8
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT VNCF1 = 67.2
RECORDS BEGAN APRIL 1955

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT ARCHBOLD BIO STN:

1	73.1	IN 2003
2	72.6	IN 1997
3	70.6	IN 1977
3	70.6	IN 1974
5	70.2	IN 2012
6	70.0	IN 1976
7	69.8	IN 1982
8	69.4	IN 1973
9	69.3	IN 1989
10	69.2	IN 2002

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +4.1
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT ACHF1 = 66.1
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1969

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT PUNTA GORDA 4 ESE:

1	74.3	IN 2003
2	73.8	IN 1997
3	72.1	IN 1974
4	#71.8	IN 2012
5	71.3	IN 2002
5	71.3	IN 2000
5	71.3	IN 1977
8	71.0	IN 1982
9	70.8	IN 1989
9	70.8	IN 1973

THE AVERAGE OF 71.8 FOR MARCH
2012 IS AN ESTIMATE AS THERE ARE
A FEW DAYS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +2.9
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT PNTF1 = 68.9
RECORDS BEGAN NOVEMBER 1965

TOP TEN WARMEST MARCHES
AT FORT MYERS:

1	74.8	IN 2003
2	74.4	IN 1948
3	74.3	IN 2012
4	73.2	IN 1921
5	73.0	IN 1982
6	72.6	IN 1913
7	72.5	IN 2002
8	72.3	IN 1945
8	72.3	IN 1938
10	72.1	IN 1939
10	72.1	IN 1923

MARCH 2012 DEP FM NORMAL +4.4
NORMAL FOR MARCH AT FMY = 69.9
RECORDS BEGAN JANUARY 1902

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